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**Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report**

**August, 2009**

**Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)**

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....	1156
Number of items* contained in these cases.....	2056
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....	1548
Number of items analyzed this month.....	2279
Laboratories' backlog (Items).....	11475
Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....	186 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....	253

**Analysis Backlog**

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	1131	10%
16-30 days old	894	8%
31-50 days old	1025	9%
Greater than 50 days	8425	73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11475</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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**Analysis Profile**

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	19	1%
16-30 days	334	15%
31-50 days	77	3%
Greater than 50 days	1849	81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Totals for Drugs of Interest**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Marijuana	285
Cocaine	373
Heroin	182
Others	1439
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2279</b>

**Trafficking Items Analyzed**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Heroin	7
Cocaine	33
Oxycodone	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

**Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month**

Items Submitted	17987
Items Analyzed	20494

